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Re: Permission for Water Sampling

Dear Mr. Rapezynski:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is presently conducting an environmental study at the C & D Recycling Site on Route 940 in Freeland, Pennsylvania. This study involves extensive sampling of the area soils and water with the objective of determining the most effective method of cleaning up any areas found to be contaminated from the past operations at this facility. EPA is completing this study under a program which is commonly referred to as "Superfund" (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 - CERCLA, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Public Law No. 99-499 - SARA).

EPA is contacting you to request your cooperation with our efforts to include your drinking water well in this environmental study. We are requesting your permission for our field team to obtain a water sample from your well as part of this effort to evaluate the existing water quality conditions in those wells closest to the C & D Recycling Site. Our objective is to obtain drinking water samples on a quarterly or seasonal basis (October, January, April) from the seventeen residences shown on the enclosed location map, in an attempt to evaluate any seasonal variation in water quality which may or may not be due to the C & D Recycling Site. This sampling will require your consent and the designation of a day and time when you would be available for EPA's field team to obtain one sample from your well, after allowing the tap to be flushed for approximately thirty minutes. There will be no cost for such sampling, and any results gathered from such work will be public information and available to you.

Your cooperation with EPA's efforts to evaluate the water quality in your wells would be greatly appreciated. A prompt response to this letter is requested in order to grant EPA and its representatives permission and your approval to include your well in this sampling program. Listed on the enclosed form you will see dates for which we have tentatively scheduled this sampling. For the purpose of coordinating this field work, we ask that you indicate a day and time (from those listed on the form) when you

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would be present at your residence to permit our field team to take a water sample from your well. The listed dates for the sampling which is to occur in January and April 1989 are tentative and may need to be changed pending inclement weather conditions. If such a change in schedule is needed, EPA will contact you in order to re-schedule the sampling.

We have enclosed with this letter a well inventory form which will provide EPA with additional information regarding the specific conditions and characteristics of your well. If the requested information is available, please complete the form and return it to EPA using the enclosed, self-addressed envelope. This information will be very important for EPA to evaluate the environmental situation(s) existing with each individual well. Please do your best to provide what information you have.

If you do not wish to have your well sampled as part of this project, please indicate this decision on the enclosed form. If you should have any questions regarding this request, require additional information, or wish to discuss this effort with EPA, please feel free to contact me at (215) 597-1101. Otherwise, we anticipate that a response from you will be forthcoming. If EPA does not receive such a response from you by October 7, 1988, including your signature and date/time selections on the enclosed form(s), we will proceed with the well sampling for those individuals who have granted permission for this work.

Thank you for your time. We appreciate any efforts to contribute to this work pertaining to the C & D Recycling Site. Please be sure to respond or to call if you have any question.

Sincerely,

Greg Crystal
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U.S. EPA Project Manager (3HW12)

Enclosures

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